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AUSTRALIA DO OR DIE

AUSTRALIA's 1986 World Cup aspirations for Mexico will be severely dented if our team does not pick up at least a point in Tel Aviv on Wednesday morning (Sydney time).

That's when Australia plays Israel at the Ramat Gan Stadium, in front of a capacity 50,000 parochial fans.

Frank Arok, Australia's coach, has always maintained that he would be looking for 10 points from Australia's six World Cup qualifying matches.

Arok has allowed for only two draws, no losses and the balance victories in his blueprint for Mexico.

Having faced English, Italian, Scottish, Brazilian, Yugoslav, Greek and New Zealand opposition, our World Cup squad has had ex-

cellent exposure in its Cup preparation.

In fact, it is the best-prepared World Cup side in the history of our code.

But it is essential that we understand the enormity of this match with Israel.

It will not be a match against Manchester United, Vasco Da Gama or Red Star.

This match differs enormously in texture, aggression, commitment and character.

The Israelis will hit Australia with pressure so far alien to the national team.

Israel is a very proud

nation, a nation of fighters, a nation of winners.

It is a nation that demands a high degree of excellence in whatever Israel is involved, especially in a global competition arena.

Nothing else matters to them more than winning.

And being at home for this match makes their winning assignment all

that more urgent.

The full fury of this Israeli urgency will be felt by Australia in the very early hours of Wednesday morning (Sydney time).

Australia will be hit by a barrage of highly skilful, extremely technical football.

Added to the home advantage (plus win-

tion series, and last month in Auckland when the Israeli commander flew to New Zealand to witness first hand Australia's match against the Kiwis.

A highly intelligent, efficient tactician, Mirimovitch already has measured Australia's style, capabilities and pace.

Almost.

I had the pleasure of meeting Joseph twice.

First, earlier this year during the Oceania World Youth elimina-

kov in his rightful position of central midfield.

And here lies Australia's main hopes for a victory.

Odzakov and David-son can supply a great element of surprise with their excellent explosive creativity to shatter the veil of predictability that dominated Australia's play in Auckland.

So what are our chances?

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BY JOHN ECONOMOS



SBS-TV, Australia's champion Soccer Network, is on the ball again as they shoot for more live telecasts yet once again, providing the code and fans with an excellent service.

On Wednesday morning at 12.20 am, SBS will bring a live telecast via satellite of Australia's World Cup qualifying match against Israel from Tel Aviv.

Adelaide viewers will pick up the telecast at 11.55pm Tuesday.

Mike Hill and Les Murray, the Network's top Soccer commentators flew out of Sydney last week for Tel Aviv to prepare for the telecast.

They will be there to capture all the action and drama and bring it into our loungerooms at home.

SBS will also telecast live from Melbourne the return match, Australia vs Israel on October 20th at 3pm (Adelaide 2.30pm). Melbourne of course will not get this match live.

On Wednesday, October 23rd and Sunday, October 27th, Australia clash with Chinese-Taipei in two matches, both on Australian soil.

At present, the club is negotiating with three top rated NSL players whom they hope they will have signed up within a matter of weeks.

Both these matches will be replayed at 11pm the same respective evenings.

SUPER SPORT COMPLEX IS REVEALED!

By ASW Editor FRANK COLETTA

SOCER IN NSW may well have made a reality out of something that seemed inevitably futile, to be recognised as a prominent sport.

The NSW Government and the Sydney Cricket Ground Trust last week unveiled plans for a brash \$55 million Sports Complex.

Despite persistent protests by residents and environmentalists in the vicinity of the Moore Park area, the expected development will begin in March 1986 and be completed by December 1987, taking in the Sydney Sports Ground and neighboring army land.

Pat Hills, the SCG Trust Chairman said the concept was a magnificent one and environmentally sensitive.

More importantly he pointed out the new Sydney Sports Centre would become the premier venue for SOCCER, Rugby League and Rugby Union.

"It will complement the international status of the SCG as well as prevent overuse of the Sydney Cricket Ground."

NSW Sports Minister, Mr Michael Cleary, conceded that a few people would be upset by the large project but that the majority would be satisfied.



Mr Cleary and Mr Hills Inspect a model of the proposed complex.

SYDNEY CROATIA
INVEST \$200,000
IN JUNIORS!

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

SYDNEY CROATIA, one of the strongest clubs in the National Soccer League today, has unveiled a most ambitious development scheme for their youth, with a set budget tallying some \$200,000 over the next three years.

Called the "SUPER YOUTH DEVELOPMENT SCHEME", the project involves a panel of coaches to handle the youth teams.

The aims of the scheme are to nurture and develop Youth players to become future National Soccer League players of the highest quality.

On pages 8 and 9 we reveal their elaborate plan.

Heading the coaching panel as Master-Coach, is none other than former Austrian International striker, Leo Baumgartner.

Baumgartner, easily one of Australia's greatest imports, was an exceptionally highly skilled striker that struck fear in the hearts of goalkeepers facing him.

Leo, once on the ball, you could expect explosive action with his superb skills and lethal shooting power from either boot.

Now as Master-Coach for the Youth at Sydney Croatia, talent will have the opportunity as well as access to such a wonderful player from whom they can learn and develop immensely.

Leo, under the direction of the club's senior team coach, Vedran Rozic, will

be involved mainly with the coaching of staff coaches.

Top grade facilities, equipment, coaching and scholarships will be made available to outstanding youth talent to develop.

The scheme will stretch from the Under 9s squad up to the Under 16s.

Mr Tony Basic, Sydney Croatia's President, and chief architect behind the club's most successful year this season, wants to build Sydney Croatia into the nation's strongest Soccer club, from the top right down to the junior levels.

Sydney Croatia already boasts in having three of their NSL players in the Australian World Cup squad:

Zarko Odzakov, Jimmy Patikas and Graham Arnold.

Now fully determined to win the League next year, Sydney Croatia has structured plans for their NSL squad to go full-time professionally.

At present, the club is negotiating with three top rated NSL players whom they hope they will have signed up within a matter of weeks.

Two are from Sydney and one from Melbourne.

The Editor

THERE WILL be quite a few more ASW's on sale this year.

With the Socceroos chasing a berth in Mexico, AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY has extended its publishing period, so we can follow Frank Arok and the boys in their quest.

It is a dead cert that we will continue until the last Oceanis match, (Israel v New Zealand played on November 10). Then if Australia qualify to play Scotland, we will endeavour to cover that period.

Conversely by going into the summer, production costs sky-rocket ... so to compensate, we will drop back to 16 pages for the hot-issues, but only for those.

BUT, if there is a certain period ... say Australia qualifying for the World Cup and the like we may well have to go back to a bigger product. The quality will always be there though, so relax and enjoy the beach weather as we continue to reel off the best in soccer.

There is no way we will leave the Aussies, and especially our readers, high and dry.

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THANKFULLY, soccer doesn't have that thing Rugby League calls 'The Silly Season,' where players move to different clubs every second day nearly.

In our beloved round ball code, there are a few changes in the off-season but not too many.

This time around, it seems West Adelaide are making quite a point to the NSL, that they will not have a bar of merging with Adelaide City, as they chase such name players as, John Kosmina, Mike Petersen, Stuart Stevenson and Robbie Dunn.

West must certainly be given 10 out of 10 for effort but whether or not they can pull off all these coups is another thing.

As someone once said, 'I'll believe it when I see it.'

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WHILST on the NSL, the much awaited meeting of its executive last Tuesday night was a real non event.

No recommendations were made or for that matter heard, so although many still have little or no idea as to what will happen next year, others are claiming that the cat is out of the bag already.

We can only wait and see what is decided and when it is, be assured ASW will bring all the facts.

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Our summer editions are going to be very special indeed, a collectors item if you like.

It will be the first time an Australian soccer paper has gone into the Oz summer.

So the simple fact is, whilst you readers are lounging on your banana chairs and tanning your bodies at the beach, spare a thought for the ASW staff slaving away in the heat to bring you all the news!

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AS AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY reported last week, Australia will be endeavouring to bring home two points from Israel.

Of course the first priority for Frank Arok's charges will be to keep the Israelis out but if we can catch them on the counter-attack we may just grab a goal.

Some say 'highly unlikely' and take the point that Australia just hasn't got the speed to break away and take teams on.

That is what will probably stop Australia scoring, the lack of pace in the midfield. If someone like Jim Patikas was in the midfield and Frank Farina on the flank, then the possibilities of a blitzkrieg would be more likely.

Maybe it might be asking too much of Frank Arok to gamble with them, especially at such an early stage in the qualifiers, but wouldn't it be interesting to put them into the fray with 10 minutes left and the score 0-0?

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PENRITH certainly seem intent on making it hard for the National League.

We at ASW have been made aware that the Panthers are applying for a court injunction to prevent the NSL forming in 1986!

Whilst they are putting up a brave fight, they are certainly not endearing themselves to too many people.

YESTERDAY'S BRITISH RESULTS

TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR'S 25 years old record is still unbeaten. The London team, which won 11 successive matches at the start of the 1960-61 season, will not have to share that record with rampant Manchester United.

Before United took on Luton Town at Kenilworth Road on Saturday, the men from Manchester looked certain to equal the Tottenham record.

Playing excellent football and winning their matches in style, Manchester United were a strong tip to overcome Luton.

It was not to be. Although Mark Hughes shot the reds into a 1-0 lead after an hour, Brian Stein equalised for Luton within a few minutes.

And that's the way the score stayed to the end. But with 10 wins and a draw, United still lead the first division table by 10 points, following Liverpool's unexpected 2-1 defeat at Queens Park Rangers.

Terry Fenwick and Gary Bannister were the match-winners for QPR, getting the goals which allowed their team to recover from a Liverpool opening goal by Paul Walsh.

Interesting to note that, for this match, Liverpool player-manager Kenny Dalglish relegated himself to the bench to make room for Walsh. Manchester United can have no complaints

By bringing on Jimmy Patikas to bust forward from behind John Kosmina and Mitchell with

about failing to beat Luton.

In fact, during an interesting second half, Luton were in command and would have won had they not squandered two good scoring chances late in the game.

Chelsea, Everton, Arsenal and Sheffield Wednesday stay in the championship race with all four posting good wins in the weekend matches.

Desperate West Brom picked up their second point of the season with a

home draw against Spurs, but their cause seems hopeless with two points from a possible 33.

Joining West Brom in the relegation zone are former giants of football, Ipswich Town and Manchester City, who face desperate times.

The pace-setters in Scotland, Celtic, Aberdeen and Rangers, all turned in victories leaving the situation as is.

Celtic are on top with 14 points while Aberdeen and Rangers are

on 13... but Celtic have a match in hand.

FOOTNOTE: On the other side of the world, New Zealand hammered Chinese Taipei 5-1 in a World Cup elimination match in Auckland which will have a big bearing on Australia's ambitions. Steve Sumner scored a hat trick for the Kiwis with other goals coming from Declan Edge and Colin Walker. Chen Sing-an was Taipei's scorer.

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A draw for Australia will be an excellent result, with victory being a super-bonus.

Australia's biggest problem, BEFORE taking the pitch will be its midfield.

Arok must decide which one of his four linkmen to drop

Of his four men, three are playmakers and only one is defensive.

And here lies a huge problem.

Australia needs for this battle TWO defensive midfielders and only one play-maker for balance if we are to hold Israel.

Zarko Odzakov should be the playmaker flanked by Kenny Murphy on his left and either Joe Watson or Oscar Crino on his right.

And how about pace?

In this department we are lacking.

Only left-back, Graham Jennings and striker David Mitchell can contribute in this area.

Maybe at the halfway mark of the second half Arok could inject pace.

By bringing on Jimmy Patikas to bust forward from behind John Kosmina and Mitchell with

Odzakov doing the correctly-timed feeding,



David Ratcliffe

Australia could rip the Israeli lines wide open.

And yet once again, like so many times before, Australia's overall performance will de-

tre-back, David Ratcliffe.

If Ratcliffe can maintain and iron grip on his back-four line we will be in big business.

First round, second leg matches in the three major European club soccer competitions.

CUP WINNERS' CUP

In Tabatabanya: Tabatabanya (Hungary) 0, Rapid Vienna (Austria) 1 (halftime 0-0), Rapid Vienna won 6-1 on aggregate.

In Craiova: Universitatea Craiova (Romania) 3, Monaco (France) 0 (1-0), Universitatea Craiova won 3-2 on aggregate.

In Glasgow: Glasgow Celtic (Scotland) 2, Atletico Madrid (Spain) 2 (0-1), Atletico won 3-2 on aggregate.

In Tirana: Flamurtari Vlora (Albania) 2, Helsinki (Finland) 2 (1-2).

In Galway: Galway United (Ireland) 2, Lyngby (Denmark) 3 (0-2).

In Kiev: Dynamo Kiev (Soviet Union) 4, Utrecht (Netherlands) 1 (2-1), Dynamo won 5-3 on aggregate.

In Lodz: Widzew Lodz (Poland) 2, Galatasaray Istanbul (Turkey) 1 (1-0), Widzew won 7-2 on aggregate.

In Bangor: Bangor City (Wales) 0, Fredrikstad (Norway) 0. Aggregate 1-1; Bangor won on away goals rule.

In Luxembourg: Red Boys Differdange (Luxembourg) 0, AIK Stockholm (Sweden) 5 (0-3), AIK Stockholm won 13-0 on aggregate.

In Prague: Dukla Prague (Czechoslovakia) 4, AEL Limassol (Cyprus) 0 (1-0), Dukla won 6-2 on aggregate.

In Belfast: Glentoran (Northern Ireland) 0, RAM Reykjavik (Iceland) 0 (0-0), Reykjavik won 3-2 on aggregate.

In Zurich: Aarau (Switzerland) 2 (2-2), Red Star Belgrade (Yugoslavia) 2 (2-2), Red Star won 4-2 on aggregate.

In Krefeld: Bayer Uerdingen (West Germany) 5, Zuerrie (West Germany) 1 (5-1), Bayer won 12-0 on aggregate.

In Dresden: Dynamo Dresden (East Germany) 2, Cercle Brugge (Belgium) 1 (1-0), Aggregate 4-4; Dresden won on away goals rule.

EUROPEAN CUP

In Bucharest: Steaua Bucharest (Romania) 2, Vejle (Denmark) 1 (2-1), Steaua Bucharest won 5-2 on aggregate.

In Istanbul: Fenerbahce (Turkey) 0, Fenerbahce won 3-2 on aggregate.

In Plovdiv: Trakia Plovdiv (Bulgaria) 1, Gothenburg (Sweden) 2 (1-2), Gothenburg won 5-3 on aggregate.

In Turin: Juventus (Italy) 4, Jeunesse d'Esch (Luxembourg) 1 (1-0), Juventus won 9-1 on aggregate.

In Salonic: PAOK Salonic (Greece) 2, Verona (Italy) 1 (1-1), Verona won 3-2 on aggregate.

In Sarajevo: Sarajevo (Yugoslavia) 1, Kuusysi Lahti (Finland) 2 (1-2), Lahti won 4-2 on aggregate.

In Oslo: Valerenga (Norway) 0, Zenet Leningrad (Soviet Union) 2 (0-0), Zenet won 4-0 on aggregate.

In Munich: Bayern Munich (West Germany) 4, Gornik Zabrze (Poland) 1 (1-1), Bayern won 6-2 on aggregate.

In Aberdeen: Aberdeen (Scotland) 4, Akranes (Iceland) 1 (1-1), Aberdeen won 7-2 on aggregate.

In Geneva: Servette Geneva (Switzerland) 2, Linfield (Northern Ireland) 1 (1-1), Servette won 4-3 on aggregate.

In Dublin: Shamrock Rovers (Ireland) 1, Honved Budapest (Hungary) 3 (0-0), Honved won 5-0 on aggregate.

In Omonia: Omonia Nicosia (Cyprus) 5, Ajax Rabat (Malta) 0 (3-0), Omonia won 10-0 on aggregate.

UEFA CUP

In Skopje: Vardar Skopje (Yugoslavia) 1, Dinamo Bukarest (Romania) 0 (0-0), Aggregate 2-2; Vardar qualified on away goals rule.

In Sofia: Lokomotiv Sofia (Bulgaria) 1, Apollon Nicosia (Cyprus) 2 after extra time (normal time 2-2), Lokomotiv won 6-4 on aggregate.

In Poznan: Lech Poznan (Poland) 0 (0-1), Borussia Moenchengladbach (West Germany) 1 (0-1), Borussia won 3-1 on aggregate.

In Leipzig: Lokomotive Leipzig (East Germany) 0 (0-0), Coleraine (Northern Ireland) 0 (0-0), Lokomotive won 6-1 on aggregate.

In Bratislava: Bohemians Prague (Czechoslovakia) 4, Raba Eto Gyor (Hungary) 1, after extra time (normal time 1-1), Bohemians won 4-0 on aggregate.

In Belgrade: Partizan Belgrade (Yugoslavia) 4, Portimone (Portugal) 0 (2-0), Partizan won 4-1 on aggregate.

In Kiev: Dnipro Dnepropetrovsk (Soviet Union) 2 Wismut Aue (East Germany) 1 (0-0), Dnepropetrovsk won 5-2 on aggregate.

In Turku: Turun Palloseura (Finland) 1, Spartak Moscow (Soviet Union) 3 (1-2), Spartak won 4-1 on aggregate.

In Stavanger: Viking (Norway) 1, Legia Warsaw (Poland) 0 (0-0), Legia won 4-1 on aggregate.

In Dundee: Dundee United (Scotland) 2, Bohemians Dublin (Ireland) 2 (2-1), Dundee United won 7-4 on aggregate.

In Eindhoven: PSV Eindhoven (Netherlands) 4, Avenir Beggen (Luxembourg) 3 (0-0), PSV won 6-0 on aggregate.

In Aarhus: Aarhus (Denmark) 0 (0-0), Waagerec (Belgium) 1 (0-0), Waagerec won 6-2 on aggregate.

In Innsbruck: Innsbruck (Austria) 1, Liege (Belgium) 3 (1-2), Liege won 4-1 on aggregate.

In Stockholm: Hammarby (Sweden) 0 (0-0), Hammarby won 7-1 on aggregate.

In Malmö: Malmö (Sweden) 3, Videoton (Hungary) 2 (0-1), Aggregate 3-3; Videoton won on away goals rule.

In Braga: Braga (Portugal) 1 (1-1), Braga won 6-5 on aggregate.

In Bremen: Werder Bremen (West Germany) 3, Chernomorets Odessa 2 (1-1), Aggregate 4-4; Odessa won on away goals rule.

In St. Gallen: St. Gallen (Switzerland) 10, Inter Milan (Italy) 0 (0-0), Inter won 5-1 on aggregate.

In Rotterdam: Feyenoord Rotterdam (Netherlands) 2, Sporting Lisbon (Portugal) 1 (1-0), Sporting won 4-3 on aggregate.

In Paisley: St. Mirren (Scotland) 3, Slavia Prague (Czechoslovakia) 0 after extra time, St. Mirren won 5-2 on aggregate.

In Hamburg: Hamburg (West Germany) 2, Sparta Rotterdam (Netherlands) 0 (0-0) after extra time, Aggregate 2-2; Sparta won 4-3 on penalties.

In Madrid: Real Madrid (Spain) 5, AEK Athens (Greece) 3, Real Madrid won 5-1 on aggregate.

In Milan: AC Milan (Italy) 3, Auxerre (France) 0 (2-0), AC Milan won 4-3 on aggregate.

SYDNEY CROATIA

"SUPER YOUTH DEVELOPMENT SCHEME"

1986 YOUTH LEAGUE SELECTION TRI



CHIT CHAT

FOR the benefit of all those people anxiously following progress in the World Cup Oceania group, here are remaining fixtures:

OCTOBER 8 - Israel v Australia in Tel Aviv.

OCTOBER 12 - New Zealand v Taiwan in NZ.

OCTOBER 20 - Australia v Israel in Melbourne.

OCTOBER 23 - Australia v Taiwan in Adelaide.

OCTOBER 26 - New Zealand v Israel in NZ.

OCTOBER 27 - Australia v Taiwan in Melbourne.

NOVEMBER 3 - Australia v New Zealand in Sydney.

NOVEMBER 10 - Israel v New Zealand in Tel Aviv.

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WHAT will the format be for next year's National Soccer League?

That's the question everyone is asking. Our tip is that it will be exactly the same as this year, despite threats from Melbourne's heavyweight clubs that they would pull out and switch to the State League if they don't get their way.

If, as has been suggested, the new NSL was restricted to the 14 top clubs, there would be all sorts of headaches to be sorted out.

For instance, what about the 10 clubs which would be dumped from the present NSL? Be sure they would go running for lawyers immediately.

And how about State League clubs who would be thrown out to make room for teams dropping out of the NSL? They would not be deliriously happy.

No, it seems we are stuck with the present 24-team competition whether the clubs want it or not.

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FINALLY it seems ALAN DAVIDSON is fit, which is great news for Australia.

The tactic of playing midfielders in the vacant right-back position was simply just not working.

Davo couldn't have picked a more opportune time to get back into the side, facing the Israelis without a recognised right-back could have been well suicide!

PHIL O'CONNOR, the former Socceroo winger who was killed in a car crash recently, might have been an Adelaide City player next year.

City president, CHARLIE CARUSO, had a long discussion with the forward during the NSL Rothmans Medal dinner.

"We always admired Phil as a player and person, and made an approach to him every year," said Caruso.

"This time I thought we might just have done enough to convince him to see out his playing days with us."

"But it was not to be, and soccer has lost a great player and a great man."

IF you want to welcome back Australia's World Cup players, they are due to land at Sydney Airport on the morning of Saturday October 12 at 6.30 from Israel.

If they bring home an unexpected victory, there should be quite a crowd at the airport that morning.

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WE hear JOE MARSTON, the former great Australian centre-half, is unwell at home in Sydney.

Joe was the first Australian-born player to make an impact on the English soccer scene.

We wish him a speedy recovery from whatever ails him.

THE Australian Soccer Federation coped a big blast in the official programme for the New Zealand v Australia World Cup match in Auckland.

Under the headline "NO RESPONSE," the following appeared:

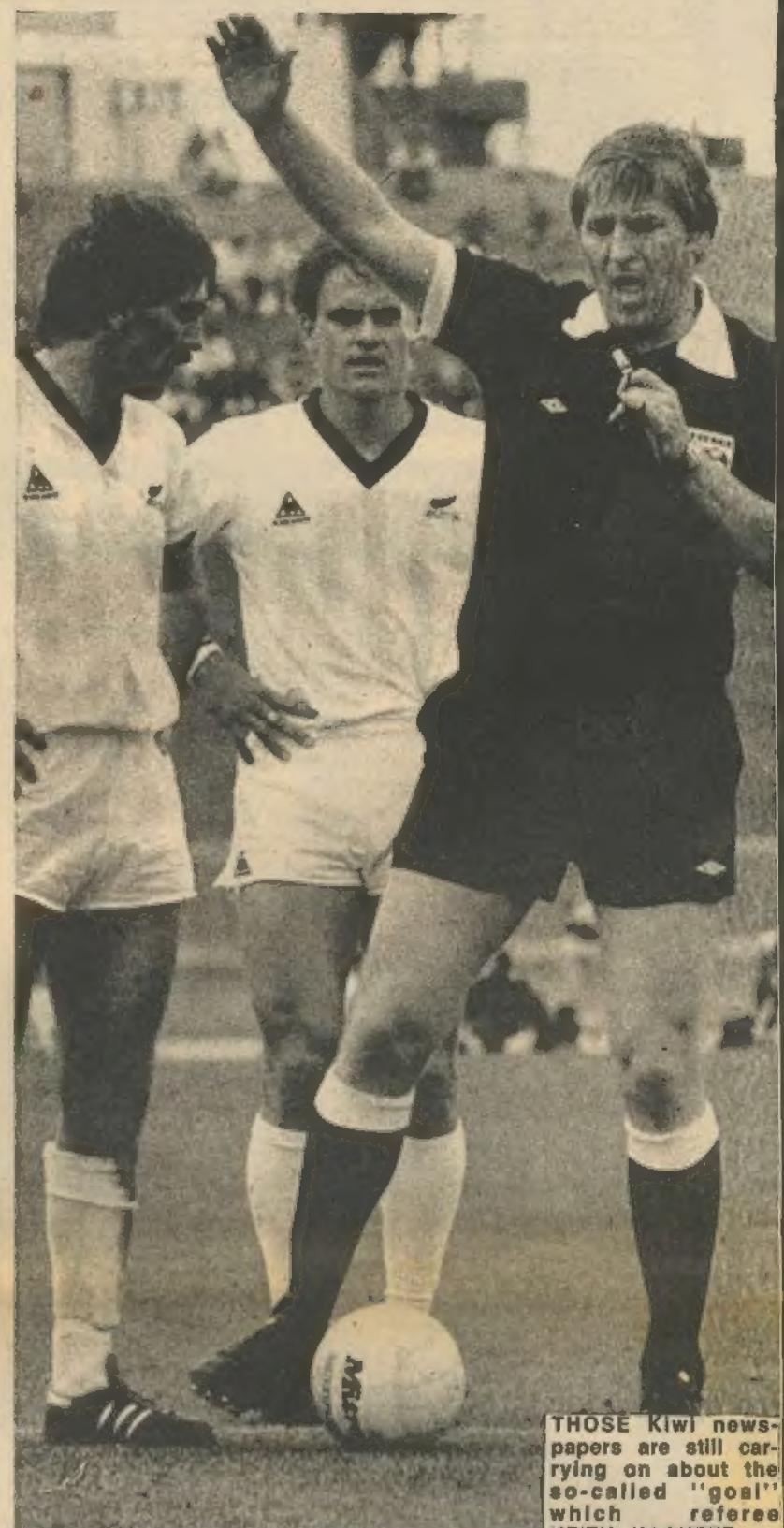
At the time of going to print - 10 days prior to kick-off - the Australian Soccer Federation had failed to respond to a letter sent August 15 and a later telex requesting publicity material.

Consequently, we have no photographs of the Australian players or any indication of the 22-man squad.

The names and pen pictures of the 29 Australian players included in this programme were obtained through an alternative source.

Apologies are extended to readers for the failure to provide accurate, up to date, information on our visitors for reasons totally beyond our control, as you will appreciate.

Maybe the ASF can explain what went wrong. Are they overworked at Clarence Street?



Referee Keith Hackett has brought the ball back for an Indirect free-kick, Steve Summer (left) and Wynton Rufer do not seem overly impressed, do they?



ABOVE and BELOW: 'I say Kosmina was 10 out of 10, Rale!' — Could that be what E.T. is saying?



SOUTH AUSTRALIA'S NSL players who have been in with a chance of playing for the State team on an overseas tour, are winding down their training.

The Japanese, who were to have been included in games against Malaysia and Singapore, have pulled out, and it now looks as if the trip is off.

Word is expected from Malaysia this week, but the chances of the trip going ahead are very slim.

PARRAMATTA MELITA certainly took some top-line experience into their grand final against Fairy Meadow in the NSW Skypak State League.

No fewer than 10 of Melita's players had sampled National League soccer.

The only one who hadn't was young goalkeeper DRAGAN PUPOVAC.

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ONE Sydney soccer writer received an invitation to the Sydney Olympic Annual Ball but decided he would be too busy to attend.

He was then told the main business of the night was the crowning of "Miss Sydney Olympic" and changed his mind.

"I'll be there," said the journo who fancies himself as a keen judge of talent!

ADELAIDE CITY is expected to announce its coach for 1986 by the end of this week.

And the four candidates could all gain jobs with the club — current boss EDMUND KREFT, captain BUGSY NYSKOHUS, JOHNNY PERIN and ZORAN MATIC.

Club president, CHARLIE CARUSO, has said he will call all four candidates together and offer them posts with City.

"One will get the NSL job: we need a coaching co-ordinator and there is plenty of work to do with our reserve side and junior set-up," he said.

Perin is the current coaching co-ordinator and Matic was a player with the club, an assistant coach to Rale Basic when he was with City, then coached Beograd in the SA First Division before taking a committee appointment this year.



'See ya!' Frank Arok off to Israel

THOSE Kiwi newspapers are still carrying on about the so-called "goal" which referee KEITH HACKETT refused to allow NZ against Australia in Auckland.

One comment was: "Hackett disallowed the goal, stating the ball was moving. Those watching — and the video cameras — disagreed."

And former NZ captain JOHN STAINES produced this beauty: "Referee Hackett deserves an official rap over the knuckles. The ball was definitely still — and a goal should have been awarded. I felt sorry for our players. That decision may have altered the outcome of the whole Oceania series."

"You learn to accept marginal offside decisions but having a perfectly good goal disallowed is hard to accept."

ASW's comment? Stop whinging you Kiwis. There is no way in the world any referee could have permitted that alleged goal to count.

The only valid reason we can give concerning all the carry-on, is that the All Whites are a bit wary now of what the Socceroos may do to them in Sydney.

THE JOHNNY WARREN PAGE



WHISTLING RACE

BY TOM MCKAIN

THE battle has started between Australian referees for a possible place in the World Cup panel for Mexico.

The retirement of maestro Tony Boskovic created the opening, and two of the top contenders are currently in New Zealand showing what they can do.

Victorian FIFA whistler Chris Bambridge handled the New Zealand — Taiwan game last week, while SA FIFA man and Australian Referee of the Year, Donald Campbell, will handle the return this weekend.

Campbell ran one of the lines last weekend for Bambridge, and the latter will do the same for Campbell on Saturday.

Sydney's Richard Lorenc is also in Kiwi land as a linesman.

Campbell's appointment made history as it is the first time an SA referee has handled a World Cup international.

Campbell is Australia's senior FIFA referee, and at 45 Mexico will be his last chance to make it to a World Cup as the men in black must retire at 50.

While Campbell has worked all his refereeing life to make a World Cup panel, he says he will not be bitter if he doesn't win the appointment.

"All we can do is our best, and like players we have our off days, and if inspection panels catch us on one of those days then we can only blame ourselves," he said.

"I've had a very good run this season, particularly when I was appointed to so many games interstate."

"This takes a lot of pressure off a referee in the NSL, where we tend to be tagged as home-town whistlers."

"Winning the Australian Soccer Press Association's Referee of the Year Award capped a tremendous season."

Campbell has run lines in New Zealand before and has also refereed in Kuwait.

He received his FIFA badge in 1974, while Bambridge was awarded his three years ago.

Stuart Mellings of Victoria would also have been in the running but he has retired.



Referee of the Year — Don Campbell, battling for a World Cup spot.

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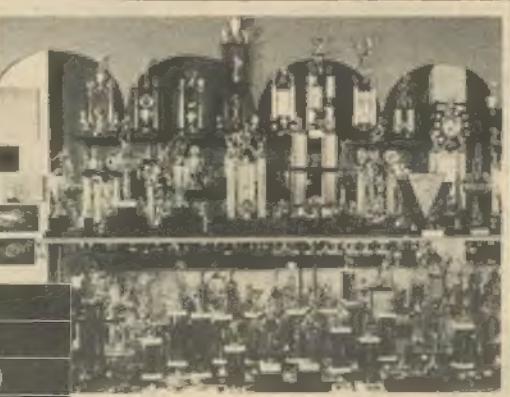
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ISRAEL IS SOMETHING ELSE

THE Socceroos will need to be at their very best to bring something back from Tel Aviv.

Only a repeat of some of their very best performances in the International Tournaments this year will be sufficient to get at least a point Australia needs to stand a chance of winning the Oceania group.

For me too many of our key players "froze" in the World Cup atmosphere in Auckland a repeat of their first half performance in the New Zealand match tomorrow in Tel Aviv would be disastrous.

The Socceroos can be sure there will be a sell-out crowd for a match which to the Israelis means much more to their nation than just winning their way to the World Cup finals.

If the Socceroos can expect a torrid time on the field they can expect the exact opposite off it.

Ask any of the old Socceroos to name their favourite country and you can be sure nearly all of them will name Israel.

The "sabra" or native born Israeli is the friendliest of hosts and the Israeli is the closest nationality I've come across who resembles Australians.

Apart from first class hospitality Israel is one of the most interesting tourist places I've been lucky enough to visit... Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Nazareth, Sea of Galilee, Masada, the Dead Sea, Jericho and Tel Aviv itself are absolutely first class.

While our current Socceroos are certain to remember their trip to Israel for tourist and footballing reasons they can also comfort themselves with the knowledge that at least this time they were well prepared for Israel.



1969, Johnny Warren exchanges pleasantries with his opposite, the Israeli captain before the 1-1 draw in Sydney.

and that the return match was 1-1 draw before 33,000 fans at the Sydney Sportsground.

The Socceroos information on the Israelis prior to the first match in Tel Aviv consisted solely of a letter sent by Lou Brocic to Uncle Joe Vlasits.

Today of course the Socceroos are well oiled on the Israelis and have been given every chance to succeed.

For the sake of the game's standing in this country we all hope they can bring something back from Tel Aviv.

Lucky his wife Lesley has a tremendous sense of humour!!!

★ ★ ★
CANBERRA CITY Olympians have re-appointed all their coaches for the 1988 season — ROY THOMSON, MIKE BLACK, STEVE BRYANT and TOM SERMANNI

ONCE their involvement with soccer is over Canberra City's ROY THOMSON, MIKE BLACK, STEVE BRYANT and TOM SERMANNI

Club chairman ANGELOS STRAMAROS announced the reappointments at the club's annual presentation night.

Thomson and Black are two of the leading personalities in the game in the ACT both having impressive playing backgrounds together with their past successes as coaches.

Hall, one of the leading physiotherapists in the ACT will be in charge of the physical preparation again next year.

★ ★ ★
THE City Club of Canberra, the original Canberra City club in the national soccer league will hold its presentation night on Sunday October 13 at the City Club.

Although the City Club only fields teams in the local Football League (next year it will sponsor junior teams) the club extends invitations to all its past players to attend the presentation night.

WIN THREE FREE SCHOLARSHIPS

AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY offers young readers the chance to win scholarships to the JOHNNY WARREN SOCCEROO ACADEMY at Gold Creek Homestead, Canberra, during the forthcoming school holidays.

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Winners announced September All young readers have to do is enter the competition is send in the following coupon to:

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Position _____



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THE WORLD SCENE THROUGH THE LENS



ENGLAND - Dave Swindlehurst of Sunderland takes on Blackburn's Noel Brotherton during the second division match won by Blackburn 2-0.



ITALY - Sampdoria's Roberto Mancini goes for goal against Larissa of Greece in the 2nd Leg Cup winners Cup match.



ABOVE RIGHT:
SPAIN - Barcelona's
Butrageno takes on
the AEK Athens de-
fence during the Euro-
pean tie. Manolas and
Armodoros are pic-
tured also.

LEFT: ITALY: Michel
Platini and Aldo Sere-
na of Juventus prior to
the clash with reig-
ning champions of Ita-
ly, Verona, Juventus
won 1-0 and went
careering to the top.

RIGHT: CHILE - Mart-
in Galvez formerly in
Portugal, now with
Universidad de Chile
takes on the much
vaunted Colo Colo
defence.



ITALY - AC Milan's striking trio, from left, Paolo Rossi, Mark Hateley and Paolo Virdis go through a training session prior to the second leg UEFA Cup match against France's Auxerre.





STAR PROFILE

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

MIKE
PETERSEN



BIRTH AND BIRTH-
PLACE: 6.5.65, Mel-
bourne.

HEIGHT: 6'0"

MARRIED: Single.

OCCUPATION:

Accountancy student.

PLAYING POSI-

TION: Midfielder.

sweeper.

CLUBS PLAYED
FOR: Port Melbourne,
Heidelberg United,
Brunswick Juventus.

FAVOURITE PLAY-

ERS: Zarko Odzakov,
Oscar Crino, Platini.

FAVOURITE CLUBS:

Sydney Croatia, Ajax
of Amsterdam, Leeds
United.

CAR: Sigma 2.0.

BIGGEST DIS-
APPOINTMENT IN
SOCCER: "Playing
for Heidelberg United
in the Ampol Cup in
1983, I came on as a
substitute. But 20 mi-
nutes later, was taken
off again. This was
most humiliating stuff
for me."

BIGGEST INFLU-
ENCE ON CAREER:
"My Dad and John
Margaritis."

FAVOURITE OTHER
SPORTS OR HOB-
BIES: Tennis and wa-
ter skiing.

FAVOURITE FILM
STARS: Jack
Nicholson.

LONG TERM AMBI-
TIONS: To be a full-
time professional
player either here or
overseas.

SUPERSTITIONS:
Heaps of them. But
mainly copy as many
winning habits as
possible and stick to
them till we get a loss.

FAVOURITE MUSIC:
Bruce Springsteen and
the Eurythmics.

MAJOR INJURIES:

"None thank God."

NATIONAL TEAM
TO WORRY AU-
STRALIA QUAL-
IFYING FOR 1986
WORLD CUP: "Israel.

I feel they are tech-
nically a little better
than us. They will be a
big problem as they
are a more complete
unit than either New
Zealand or us. But I still
feel we can beat
them. We must."

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DEZ MARTON RETIRES

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

DEZ MARTON, St George's veteran goalscoring machine, has decided to call it a day as far as playing but wants now to embark on a career of coaching.

"Soccer has been my life. I would be lost without it so now I am more than interested in taking up coaching," the ball-playing striker told us last night.

Marton, a Rothmans Medal Winner in 1981, scored a glut of goals for the Saints as well as giving great entertainment to many thousands of Soccer fans since arriving from Yugoslavia to play for St George back in 1980.

This season, the St George club loaned Dez to Wollongong City to help coach, Adrian Alston avoid relegation.

Playing very deep as a midfield distributor, Marton accomplished his mission for the youthful club.

Now the old maestro seeks a club of his own.

With an enormous professional background from Europe, and years experience in the NSL, Dez has the experience, attitude and above all the ability to pass on his wealth of knowledge to some team.

All interested clubs should contact Dez on 02 359 3496 during business hours or on 02 533 5865 after hours.



DEZ MARTON

SYDNEY ETHNIC SOCCER WORLD CUP

THE second Sydney Ethnic Soccer World Cup organised by the New Chilean Club of Sydney, kicked off last Saturday week at Lambert Park, Leichhardt, and attracted a crowd of almost 4,500 to watch the Opening Ceremony.

In the first match, at 4pm, Uruguay beat Bolivia 1 nil whilst Chile defeated Ireland 3 nil. The next day, there were three matches played.

Greece defeated Australia 2 nil whilst Colombia swamped Yugoslavia 7-3.

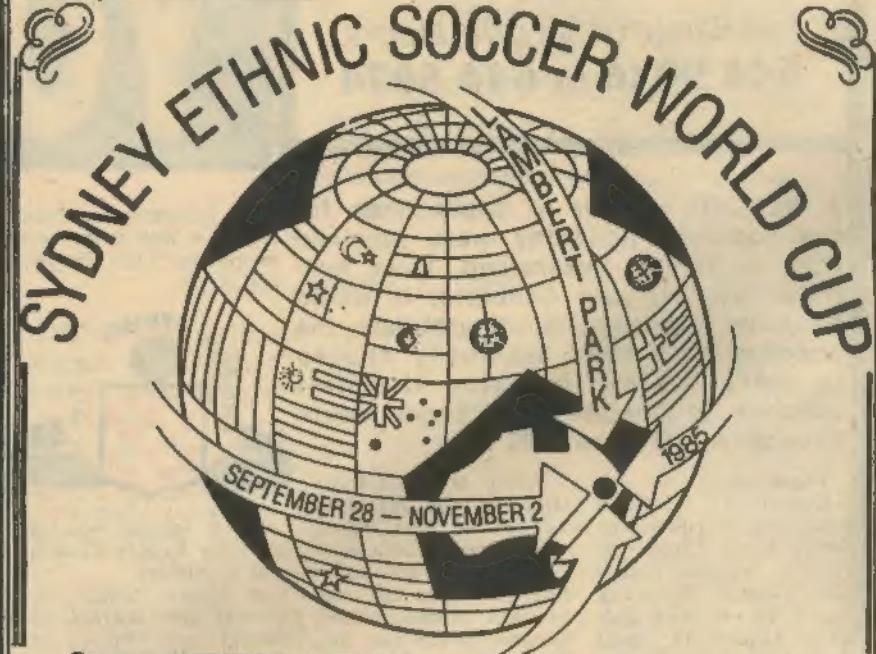
The highlight match was Argentina vs Italy.

A strong Italian side that included NSL players, Tony Pezzano, Gerardo Gomez and Rene Licatta, could only manage a 1-all draw against the South Americans.

In Round 3 next week-end, the scheduled matches are:

Saturday starting at noon: Germany vs Portugal, Timor vs Ecuador, Uruguay vs Argentina and the late match at 6pm, Bolivia vs Italy.

On Sunday, again at noon: Ireland vs Lebanon, Turkey vs Chile, Yugoslavia vs Australia and the late match at 6pm is Greece vs Colombia.



Second SYDNEY ETHNIC SOCCER WORLD CUP

organised by The New Chilean Club

Saturday 12th of October

12 noon Germany vs Portugal
2pm Timor vs Ecuador
4pm Uruguay vs Argentina
6pm Bolivia vs Italy

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Sunday 13th of October
12 noon Ireland vs Lebanon
2pm Turkey vs Chile
4pm Yugoslavia vs Australia
6pm Greece vs Colombia

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A RECORD number of applications for the coaching positions were received from as far as Queensland, West Australia, Victoria and Canberra. It would be quite in order to congratulate the coaches who were eventually chosen to make history in being the first coaches to baptise the "Super Youth Development Scheme 1986".

These are:
Under 9: Richard Beazley Under 10: Davor Rozic Under 11: Dennis Yaager Under 12: Robert Wozniak Under 13: Maurice Sullivan Under 14: Neil Ross Under 15: Robert Harbour Under 16: Richard Kocass NSL Youth: Chris James. Goalkeepers' Coach: Ron Corry Director of Coaching: Leo Baumgartner.

After the disastrous start in the National League in 1984 during which time Croatia sacked 6 coaches and finally finished 7th in the competition table. Sydney Croatia under the guidance of new President, Tony Basic, was determined to turn the tables in 1985.

Tony and his Board of Directors went shopping and invested their money very wisely. Their intention was that by 1986 Sydney Croatia will become "FULLY PROFESSIONAL". A dream that is becoming reality with everyday.

Their first investment was to acquire a top coach. They could not have wanted better when they employed VEDRAN RÖZIC as player/coach, a man of many talents, soccer skills and astute management.

Croatia then started strengthening their midfield by investing their money in such players as:

Zarko Odzakov (Preston — \$21,000); Jimmy Patikas (Sydney Olympic — \$25,000) and obtaining a clearance for Emil Dragicevic from Dinamo Zagreb.

The results of 1985 season speak for themselves. Sydney Croatia had a most successful season having led the Northern Competition for most of the season and then just pipped out in the last two rounds of the competition by Sydney City.

Throughout the 1985 soccer season Sydney Croatia were dubbed as

"The Entertainers of the NSL", as well as the best supported club in the NSL.



More success was in store for Sydney Croatia and its players.

• Jimmy Patikas received the Rothmans Medal and "Player of the Year"

• Zarko Odzakov won the "Player of the Series" award during the recent World Series Tournament against Tottenham Hotspurs, Undinese, and Vasco Da Gama.

• Whilst Graham Arnold, Zarko Odzakov and Jimmy Patikas were selected to represent Australia for the World Cup elimination.

In their determination to win the NSL Premiership in their third season Sydney Croatia are determined to go FULLY PROFESSIONAL and plans are well ahead for 1986.

In late 1984 work began at the Croatian Sports Centre to widen the field by 8 metres. This was achieved in record time by the ardent members of Croatia in time for the first round against Marconi where a crowd of 6,452 attended.

The second stage was to erect lighting suitable for night matches. This was also achieved and work will be completed within the next two weeks.

Stage three is to purchase the property adjacent to the Croatian Sports Centre at a cost of \$300,000.

Stage four to erect an undercover grandstand to seat 3,000 people, as well as, dressing rooms, canteen facilities, mod-

ern press rooms, television facilities for SBS etc. Total cost will be approximately \$1,500,000.

The Youth League Squads will use the Croatian Sports Centre for their home matches while their training headquarters will be at the Dark Hut Reserve, Elliott St., Belfield.

Is the announcement of a "SUPER YOUTH DEVELOPMENT SCHEME" whereby an estimated \$200,000 will be spent by the club over the next three years.

AIM: To nature and develop Youth Players to become future National League Players of the Highest Quality.

PLAN: To achieve this aim Sydney Croatia will pay particular attention to the following points:

1. To combine the talents of highly motivated and competent administrators to form an efficient and forward thinking Youth Committee.

2. To form a team of top quality Youth Coaches to develop players' skills and attitudes.



3. To utilise the services of a leading senior coach to supervise coaching and the development of individuals.

4. To develop training and playing facilities to a very high standard.

5. To provide Scholarships, Career Assistance and Incentive Schemes for "Gifted Players".

6. To provide involvement for Youth Players with Sydney Croatia's Senior Professional players and their coach.

7. To promote the Scheme and the Sydney Croatia Soccer Club to the people of Sydney and the soccer supporters of Australia.

THE SUPER YOUTH DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Put together by the Youth Co-ordinator, Mr Robert Wozniak, who was appointed by the Senior Club in July, 1985. Mr Wozniak will also hold the position of Public Relations and Publicity Officer.



The first appointment made by Mr Wozniak was the position of Youth Secretary where Mr Maurice M. Gill, a man of vast administrative experience was secured to lead the Youth Committee.

The next to be appointed to the committee was Mr Michael Pittas, who will be the Treasurer, as well as, assistant to Mr Wozniak and Mr Harry Giezenkamp, who will be the Marketing and Promotions Manager.

At the present time Mr Tony Basic, the Senior Club President, is the acting Youth Committee President. A permanent Youth President will be appointed from the Senior Committee in November.

Added to these five men will be the strength of the Junior Club Committee which has been in operation for the last couple of seasons in the

Canterbury District. This group includes Mr Mick Mekic, Mr Ivan Kardum, Mr Mick Sekulic and Mr George Stojic.

With the utilisation of the fine qualities of the above mentioned gentlemen and the training of new administrators it is hoped that a form of stability will be brought in to the system which will see the "Super Youth Development Scheme" functioning for many years to come.

THE COACHING SYSTEM

The Coaching Staff, led by the very well known and talented ex-Australian International soccer player and coach of many Australian 1st Div. Australian Clubs Mr Leo Baumgartner, and co-ordinated by Mr Robert Wozniak has been put together for one purpose; to produce skillful and self-disciplined players of the future.

Each staff member will be appointed to coach a particular team for the season, but will have knowledge of, and involvement with, all youth players.

Mr Baumgartner, under the direction of Senior Team Coach, Vedran Rozic, will be involved mainly with the coaching of staff coaches and specialized individual coaching with youth players.

The coaching staff will meet twice a month to exchange ideas, view videos and learn from practical demonstrations given by the senior coaches.

Also to help develop the game further in the nursery drawing areas (mainly Canterbury, Bankstown areas) — a Coaching Academy will be formed to teach the basics of soccer to anyone coaching a junior team. This academy will be headed by Mr Leo Baumgartner with the



Senior Club Coach Vedran Rozic



NSL Youth Coach Chris James

assistance of his staff coaches, especially the very talented ex-Australian International Goalkeeper Ron Corry.

The appointed coaches for 1986 are as follows:

U/9 Richard Beazley U/10 Davor Rozic U/11 Denis Yaager U/12 Robert Wozniak U/13 Maurice Sullivan U/14 Neil Ross U/15 Rob Harbour U/16 Dick Kocass.

Goalkeepers' Coach: Ron Corry Physio/Trainers: Richard Beazley/Neil Ross NSL Youth: Chris James Master Coach: Leo Baumgartner Senior Club Coach: Vedran Rozic.

The coaching staff will also utilise the facilities of the Australian Institute of Sport in Canberra and



Youth Secretary Maurice Gill



Marketing and Promotions Manager Harry Giezenkamp

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U/9 Coach Richard Beazley



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U/12 Coach Robert Wozniak

CROATIA'S SUPER PMENT SCHEME



Club Director of coaching Leo Baumgartner



THE DEVELOPMENT OF FACILITIES

Training headquarters for all youth squads will be Elliott St, Belfield, which is in the Strathfield Municipality.

It is the intention of the Sydney Croatia Club with the co-operation of the Strathfield Council, to develop this park to one of the best equipped training and playing fields in Sydney.

Items which will be paid particular attention to are:

1) Two full size playing fields with very good surfaces.

2) One mini size field for 6 v 6 soccer.

3) Two perpendicular kicking walls.

4) A series of jump heading poles.

5) High quality lighting for night games and training.

6) A caged training area.

7) A goalkeepers' training area.

8) A facilities block containing — Canteen, toilets, change rooms, showers, referees room, storage room for training equipment, public address system.



Club goalkeeper coach Ron Corry

the Soccer Headquarters at Parklea for pre-season coaching weekends for their youth squads.

After competition commitments have been completed all youth squads will be sent away on week long tours for experience and Public Relations exercises.

These tours will be conducted to the following areas:

- a) New Zealand
- b) Queensland and Northern NSW Country Areas
- c) Victoria and Tasmania
- d) Canberra and Southern NSW Country Areas

Eventually Mr Baumgartner and his staff coaches will be sent to country centres to coach

U/13 Coach Maurice Sullivan

U/14 Coach Neil Ross

U/15 Coach Rob Harbour

U/16 Coach Dick Docasa



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CHRIS JAMES

N.S.L. Youth Coach

CHRIS has played semi-professional soccer in Western League, Kent League and Spartan League.

He arrived in Australia in 1975 and is presently teaching at Beverley Hills Language Centre.

He is a committee member of NSW CHS and A.S.S.F. Soccer Committees.

He has travelled all around the world and has worked in Israel, USA, UK and Australia.

NSW Staff Coach. Coach Australian Schools U19 side to England in December. Have done numerous sessions for clubs. Appointed to Coach in Vanuatu in May for 10 days working for the Federal Government.

DENNIS YAAGER

Under 11 Nursery Team Coach

DENNIS is a product of the Canterbury District Junior Soccer Association where he played and represented the district to the age of 14 years.

In 1964 season Dennis joined Canterbury-Marrickville as a first grade player.

After a very successful season with Canterbury-Marrickville super senior team Dennis decided to further his career in soccer by moving to the United Kingdom where he was successful in winning a place with Everton Football Club.

Dennis played numerous matches in Everton's reserve grade and was a member of the Everton F.C. Youth team which won the 1965/66 English Youth Cup.

On his return to Australia in September, 1966 Dennis rejoined Canterbury-Marrickville once again.

In 1967 Dennis transferred to Hakoah F.C. and played with them with great success until 1970.

In 1970 Dennis toured Vietnam with Australia in May and then was a member of the Australian National Team under Rale Rasic which had a World Tour in November and December 1970.

On his return from the World Tour Dennis decided to join Croatia S.C. where he played until 1973 season.

In 1976-77 Dennis was appointed player/coach with Belmore S.C. in the State League Division One competition.

Dennis also coached Belmore's Under 14 Youth League Team with great success.

Because of work commitments Dennis had to give his association with soccer away until last year when he decided to coach Croatia's Under 13 Youth League Team.

Dennis is another Sydney Croatia Coach who intends to attend the 1986 Senior Coaching Certificate Course at Park Lea with Alan Vest and other staff coaches.



LEO BAUMGARTNER in his playing days.



U/13 Coach Maurice Sullivan

U/14 Coach Neil Ross

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U/16 Coach Dick Docasa

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JUNIOR SCENE

LET THE CLUBS RUN YOUTH LEAGUE

JUNIOR soccer's premier competition in NSW needs to be completely revamped with the administrators conducting this League settling on a strong format.

Once this has been created, clubs within this League can build up stability, and at the same time the League can assume the respect it fully deserves.

As it stands now, the Youth League format has been changed virtually yearly, and clubs have no idea about what is happening.

This has been brought about by the Sydney Branch's total and stubborn refusal to allow the League to be run jointly by the NSW Federation delegates and Sydney Branch.

What would without a doubt solve the problem would be to let the clubs conduct their own affairs, and Sydney Branch should steer all their resources into conducting minor competitions for which they are qualified.

We now have a situation where Sydney Branch officials wish to dictate and formulate rules, but within this organisation there are very few officials who have ever been involved with the Youth League.

Therefore this is how the situation arises where most clubs find themselves making the wrong decision because the competition format and rules are changed, depending on the manpower that is elected and that comprises the Sydney Branch.

The only alternative for the Youth League to be a glamour League, as well as a professionally conducted nursery for our State's promising youngsters, is for the administration to be handed over immediately to the clubs.

Then and only then will the League be conducted in a proper fashion, and it will not give Sydney Branch officials the opportunity to conduct the League to suit their own interests.

As it stands now, clubs conduct trials and pre-season training for four months of the year, and the competition is run for just 12 weeks.

With washed out fix-

tures clubs are expected to play twice within a week, and on most occasions double up over the weekend, playing both Saturday and Sunday.

The urgency for Sydney Branch officials to terminate the League as soon as possible is so that they will have no interference from State representative players being involved in any form of competition.

I am all for NSW State teams, but not at the expense of the grass roots of the junior code, that being the Youth League.

The situation arose this year where hundreds of Youth League players only had a three months playing season, to accommodate officialdom who wanted the State sides to have a massive time span in which to prepare.

This situation should not be tolerated by the clubs, as surely it is unfair for the competition to be totally disrupted and ridiculed, just so 60 boys can prepare for the national titles.

What about the rest of the players in the NSW Youth League?

The answer to this question is simple, the officials couldn't care less.

This is quite obvious when you consider that the State championships were only played last weekend.

Clubs were told to wait two months to play these titles, which meant two months of training, just to play over one weekend.

Sydney Branch officials will refute these claims, but there is not a single club within the Youth League which would disagree.

The Youth League should be administered by the clubs, with elections being held annually, and club delegates should be chosen to form a committee and conduct the League.

ASW spoke to the Sydney Branch secretary Fred Bones this week and we were informed that it was unlikely the

format would be changed for 1986.

"The format for next season's competition will be discussed at our policy meeting on October 18," Mr Bones said.

"At this stage we don't know whether the three group system will remain or not.

"But there is a possibility that we may eliminate Under 16s and have a Youth League comprising Under 13s,

14s, 15s and 17s."

Sydney Branch are heading in the right direction if they decide to form an Under 17 League.

But the most logical solution would be to allow the clubs to conduct their own affairs. Then the Youth League will have a format which is of benefit to the development of this State's junior players as a whole.

MILTON'S MOMENTS

BY FRANK FINLAY

JOHN MILTON the former ace goalkeeper of the Chelsea Football Club will receive his second honour this month.

John and his wife, and newly born baby girl will fly to London to receive his club's life membership.

In 1983, John, one of Australia's highest qualified referees, was awarded the FA's award for distinguished service to soccer.

"Glory seeking and loving the limelight was not my kettle of fish — it never leads to victory," John said just before he left Albury for London.

He officiated at several important FA Cup matches. He loves junior players and gives of his time to teach them the skills of the game.

John came to Albury a few years ago and was elected president of the Albury-Wodonga Referees' Association. He was also appointed as chief examiner of the Riverina Branch of the Australian Affiliated Soccer Referees' Federation.

John this year coached the Myrtleford Savoy



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NSWASF HANDBOOK GUIDE FOR COACHES

OUR series continues this week as we take a look at what is required from a coach before the training session as well as a few teaching tips.



with
TONY RACITI

TEACHING TIPS

Before any effective coaching can take place, the coach must have an awareness and command of the techniques of TEACHING. We have set out a sample of these techniques and their application in the coaching situation.

The coach should:

- Look like a coach.
- Communicate effectively.
- Make the best possible use of space, time and equipment.
- Listen — be aware of individual and group reaction to him or her.

Dress — look like a coach.

The appearance of the coach can indicate a certain efficiency and intention towards the activity which may help set the tone for the future relationship with the group to be coached.

The Voice — communicate effectively.

This is the major form of communication with the group. Guidelines to remember for the most effective use of the voice are:

- VOLUME: Adjust to suit situation.
- SPEED: Slower with increasing distance.
- CLARITY: To ensure every word is audible.
- EXPRESSION: Giving variation to tone and promoting interest.

Vocabulary

Use words which are simple, meaningful and correct — such as:

"STOP"
"CAN YOU DO THIS"
"LOOK AT ME"

Also, use a WHISTLE, one blast to mean — "STOP, LOOK, LISTEN".

Before the training session

Before arrival at the training session, work through the next four steps in order to determine teaching sequence for the skills to be learned.

1. Introduce the techniques
2. Demonstrate and explain
3. Begin practising
4. Provide feedback

STEP 1. INTRODUCE THE TECHNIQUE

- get the group's attention
- arrange group so all can see and hear
- name the technique and give reason for learning it.

STEP 2. DEMONSTRATE AND EXPLAIN

- prepare group for demonstration
- demonstrate and explain the technique
- relate the technique being demonstrated to previously learned technique.
- answer relevant questions about the technique.

STEP 3. BEGIN PRACTISING

- give detailed demonstration using a number of children
- show them how to practise the technique
- motivate the group to practise the technique
- practice the technique.

STEP 4. PROVIDE FEEDBACK

- observe and evaluate the performance
- give feedback — positively, be sincere and honest
- give simple and precise information about how performance can be improved.
- make certain individuals understand what you have said (i.e. question the child)
- be encouraging, and do not be discouraged if improvement is not immediate
- provide feedback as soon as possible.
- do not interrupt practice unnecessarily.

AUSTRALIAN COMBINED SERVICES SOCCER ASSOCIATION 1985 INTERSTATE CARNIVAL

MEMBERS from all 3 services — 115 personnel. Squads from 6 States — QLD, NSW, ACT, Vic, SA & WA. Played at Naval Sports Complex — Bundock St Randwick. 8 matches played 16 to 19 Sept '85 inclusive.

RESULTS

	GROUP A	GROUP B
16 SEPT	VIC-QLD 0-1,	NSW-WA 1-2
17 SEPT	ACT-VIC 0-0,	SA-NSW 0-2
18 SEPT	ACT-QLD 1-6,	WA-SA 1-1
19 SEPT	Playoff for 3rd/4th	VIC-NSW 0-2
19 SEPT	FINAL	QLD-WA 6-0

Australian Combined Services squad picked to play against New Zealand Combined Services in Sydney Wednesday 9th October 1985.

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SA, CPL M. Smith SA,
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AC M. Mallett Qld,
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shaw NSW, LAC J.
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RAY BAARTZ was forced out of football at the age of only 27 because of a crude and idiotic blow struck by one Luis Garisto during Australia's 2-0 victory over Uruguay at the SCG on April 27, 1974.

It was to many who saw it, an out and out karate chop. Garisto was sent off but Baartz did not feel the full effect of the blow until after the match.

He was rushed to the Royal North Shore Hospital where he lay, partly paralysed, an artery in his neck ruptured. The artery had haemorrhaged, causing interference with the supply of blood to his brain.

Baartz, regarded by many including this scribe as Australia's finest player ever, had been one of the key players in Australia's qualifying series for the 1974 World Cup finals. The injury meant he was unable to play in the finals and furthermore his career was over.

Born on March 6, 1947, in Newcastle, Baartz first caught the eye of talent scouts in 1965 with some superb displays in Northern NSW's Under 18 team in the Australian Youth Championships.

A few weeks later the rugged Adamstown youngster was in England as an apprentice with the great Manchester United.

When he returned after two years because of homesickness, Hakoah-Eastern Suburbs (now Sydney City) snapped him up. Four months later he made his international debut for Australia against Scotland and scored the only Australian goal in the three-match series.

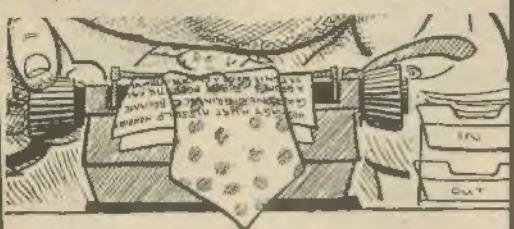
His left-foot shot was reputed to be the most powerful in the country, his acceleration, vision and balance made him the complete player — equally effective in midfield as in attack.

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GOING NOWHERE?

Dear Sir,

WITH the football season in Australia drawing to a close, I feel it is time to take a good look at the state of soccer in our country. Is the game progressing in Australia or are we standing still?

Other seemingly less-developed footballing nations seem to be progressing on the world stage. I cite the exploits of Cameroon and Algeria, to name but two, in the last World Cup.

Our international exploits have, honestly, been nothing to shout about. Look at our most recent results for example. First we draw a series with Red Star Belgrade. That is not good enough. Teams from Yugoslavia have hardly set the European stage alight in recent years and to lose two games at home to a side on an end of season tour is inexcusable.

The failings of our Youth team in Russia have been well-documented. Suffice to say that the same selection mistakes must not be allowed to be repeated. We MUST be professional in our outlook if we are to succeed.

There must be positive action taken to put Australia on the right course. A competitive, high quality, National League is a must. If reducing the size of the present league will improve quality, then so be it. Regional representation should have no bearing on the composition of our league. The best clubs must play; there should be no other considerations.

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sides. That means France, England, Italy, Brazil — the lot. We should only play their full sides — who better to learn from than the best in the world? Play these sides and we will soon learn what international football is all about.

We must act now, before we fall even further behind.

Michael Simonyi,
Brisbane, Queensland

ED - You're got to be able to walk before you can run. Most of your points are hackneyed but totally true.

When you say we should take on the mighty nations of this world, you must remember, that when we first came into football we did ... and subsequently got hammered. But we learnt and got better ... then what happened? We went back to playing clubs instead of countries.

Ho hum, back to square one.

RUSSIAN ROULETTE?

Dear Sir

AFTER reading your report from Tom Anderson, under the headline, "HANGOVER FROM RUSSIA", I came to the conclusion, Mr Anderson must have been still under the influence of Vodka (HANGOVER) when he was reporting about Russia.

How else could he come to the conclusion that Group C turned out to be the easiest of all? Did Mexico with a 6-1 goal average and China forfeit their quarter-final games against Nigeria and Russia?

The sad fact is, if the so-called NSL super stars (stars, only in the eyes of the soccer press) would have performed as was expected, we could have reached the final. Not that this would have meant much all you critics would have said. It must have been the weakest World Cup of all time! I'm backing up my statement by referring to Tom Anderson's comment on Nigeria — they one no world beaters even though they finished third.

Referring back to our super stars, the "PRAVDA" Newspaper had the guts to admit, that the Russians created at last 20 chances, but we would have gladly swapped for the four chances Australia had!

My comment! Defence OK. "Midfield average" strikers, "poor" NSL players "poor".

Finally! Most (but not all) soccer writers should shake hands with your comrade A.D. in Melbourne who migrated from Europe, to become a Aussie rocker and finished up a knocker.

J. Stanton,
Merrylands, NSW.

P.S. Soccer reporters in Russia, Peter Desira from Melbourne the best of a very weak bunch. In Sydney (on television) Les Scheinflug, "very good".

ED - You must be seriously in the running for our "WHACKA OF THE WEEK" award.

You claim the NSL players in the Youth side let us down — THE FACT IS that the NSL players that should have been there, weren't. As for the defence being OK!

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Well, if you were watching the last match v Nigeria, lost 3-2, Australia had a 2-0 lead. Suffice to say a two goal lead in world competition should be ample — but our defence failed to hold out.

Our midfield didn't have enough 'get up and go', whilst our forwards hardly got any decent distribution and failed accordingly — admittedly Warren Spink's finishing was awful.

WHAT A SHOCKER!

Dear Sir,

THAT so-called "International Match" Australia v New Zealand must rank among the worst games ever seen in a World Cup series.

Apart from ODZAKOV'S shot on goal and even that came, only from a weak clearing headed, Australia manufactured virtually nothing in the whole 90 minutes.

Nobody wanted to, or indeed seemed capable of, holding the ball, to allow a man to find space. My sympathies go to the two front-runners who got no service and invariably had to chase long balls with two or three opponents breathing down their necks.

Arok's total obsession with not losing goals means we cannot score at the other end, with only two men forward. Has nobody ever told him that if you can hold the ball in the attacking area of the field — the opposition cannot score from there and you might even score a goal yourselves?

Now we read in the press that the players may be asked to decide whether or not to allow Soper — back into the squad — or is that a sensation-monger conjuring up another headline?

It would be a farce if one man is allowed to dictate his own terms — to "honour" Australia with his presence. A further irony is, that the type of player I have suggested is needed should have also come from the Newcastle district — but he left Newcastle to better himself. There is no finer exponent of holding and shielding a ball and then finding a colleague in good position — then Marconi's David Lowe. He has been completely overlooked by AROK — presumably because he's not aggressive enough. My reply — "give me a player with skill", who causes damage to the opposition by using that skill — every time — and maybe then the game would become a spectacle worth watching. Not the farce we watched last week.

J. Jones

ED - There wasn't much to enthuse about was there?

If we couldn't beat that New Zealand team then it would seem we are not looking too good.

Yet it must be remembered that it was the first World Cup match and both sides were visibly nervous.

Australia did well against a weak Chinese outfit in the Ampol Cup, but the real "test" comes tomorrow against Israel ... a draw would make the Aussies champ, a win — national heroes, a loss good for nothing "also rans".

A fickle but realistic thought.

As for the Soper saga, he won't play for Australia whilst Frank Arok is in charge, be assured and your call for David Lowe is warranted, and as you claimed there is no better exponent in Australia of shielding the ball.

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THAT GAME AGAIN

Dear Sir,

HAVING been both player and supporter at what is the best supported game in the world, I can only blame myself for watching the World Cup Australia v New Zealand game. If modern day coaches are trying to destroy Soccer, Frank Arok deserves 9 out of 10 for effort.

Having seen the great teams of the 50s and 60s like Real Madrid, Man Utd etc in action one can only remember what the object of the game is. Has anyone told Arok? The whole idea is to SCORE goals. Years ago this used to happen, when teams played with a five-man forward line, supported by two half backs, this gave an attack of seven men. The Welsh and German national teams reversed this and decided with typical teutonic finesse that two fullbacks, two centre-backs, a sweeper and goalie are over 50% of the team could prevent other teams scoring, and the boring rubbish we see today was born.

Is it any wonder that the few who came to see excitement on the park, got bored stupid? And either stayed away or started their own excitement?

At the present the only place you can see a decent game at football is watching juniors who until they are about 11 or 12 still play 5-3-2 but as soon as a kid shows a bit of flair or skill, instead of becoming a Mannion, Docherty or Puskas, he is taken over by some brainwashed coach who insists on playing 2-4-4 and his talents, are reverted in a midfield role with two strikers shut out at the game by their Rugby Union scrum in the penalty area.

Let's get back to five forwards, stop treating goalies like bits of glass and see if coaches can give fans what they want, goals — goals — goals, not dreary draws.

Vic Heath,
Duffy, ACT.

ED - You're so right. Ever since I've been involved in football, either playing (since being knee high to an umbo ball) or writing, the objective was to score goals, and lately Australia hasn't done it often enough!

WOMEN'S SOCCER WITH KEITH GILMOUR AND JOHN ECONOMOS

COACHING NETWORK FOR ROBINS



FRED ROBINS, Australia's National coach from Queensland, has recruited a nation-wide network of coaches to assist him with the National squad.

In Sydney, he has Trixie Tagg as his assistant.

Trixie works in harness with NSW State coach, Alan Lytton.

The NSW women have been training two nights a week at Concord Oval in a remarkable exhibition of their keenness to succeed.

OCEANIA CUP

The Australian team will leave for New Zealand on March 27th next to make a bid to win the Second Oceania Cup tournament.

The inaugural Oceania Cup was staged in New Caledonia in 1983 and was won by New Zealand, defeating Australia 3-2 in the Final after the Aussie girls had hit a 2 nil lead in the first 10 minutes. Goalscorers were Sandy Brentnall and Julie Dolan.

In that Tournament, Cindy Heydon, Leigh Wardell, Renaye Ierief, Susan Monteath, Julie Dolan, Kerry Millman and Julie Porter got amongst the goals.

Heydon and Wardell ended up joint top-scorers with four targets each.

Australia scored a total of 20 goals in the New Caledonian tournament.

COACHES

South Queensland will be handled by Robins himself, Northern NSW will be guided by Lionel Sneyd and the ACT with one squad member (Julie Murray), will be looked after by local coach, Clive Mackillop.

Janette Melvin, who has represented Victoria from 1974-1982 will be in charge of the Mel-

bourn players.

Janette who was born in Scotland, coached the strong Greensborough club as well as the Victorian Under 15s before becoming State coach in 1984.

Along with Victorian representatives, Shona Bass and Margaret Roy, Janette has sat for her Level Three Coaching Certificate. They are awaiting their results.

With such highly qualified women to lead the way it is to be hoped that Junior association competitions can be fostered.

These are needed to keep a supply of local talent coming through to build the code.

TASSIE, S.A. and W.A.

Robins' representative in Tasmania is Bill Clarkson who has taken a big part in the improving standard of play on the Apple Island.

Jim Leonard has his first taste as South Australia's Women's State coach this year.

Jim has been an active personality in the code as he combines his post in Women's football with that of Chairman of Broadmeadows Soccer Club.

Alf Gorton took over from Peter Dimopoulos as the Western Australian coach this year.

His entry on to the National Championship stage was made more difficult by the heavy Melbourne grounds but he reckons he learnt a lot about what is needed for future success.

NORTHERN TERRITORY

Peter Greenfield is the

Northern Territory senior coach. Peter's one

National squad member is goalkeeper, Sabine Buschmann who is moving to Perth where she will be a great acquisition.

And that leaves sports store proprietor, David Smith away up in Darwin.

David's only National squad player is the bright young striker, Sarah Cooper who moved from the Northern Territory Under 17s team in Hobart to the full State team in Melbourne with-

out missing a beat.

Fred Robins has a core of highly skilled players for his Oceania squad.

For the training sessions spread around the continent, Fred has decreed that fitness work will play a large part in proceedings.

The players all work against the clock, and recorded times are sent on to Fred in Brisbane for regular analysis.

Working against the clock isn't easy but the figures certainly tell a story.



National coach, Fred Robins.

CHINESE TAIPEI FOR OCEANIA

CHINESE-TAIPEI, rated as one of the best Women's National teams in the World, is a certain starter in the Oceania Cup in Christchurch next March.

Nothing had been heard of Chinese-Taipei's intentions until just recently and there was considerable speculation over their interest or otherwise.

A change of officials in Taiwan had resulted in a communications mix-up.

All problems have now been sorted out and Taiwan's early entry is expected.

As it stands, Australia, New Zealand and Papua New Guinea have entered, to which Chinese-Taipei can now be added.

And as for Fiji and New Caledonia, nothing has been heard from them so contact is being made with them now.

Both countries however, although not affiliated with Oceania, would be made most welcomed to join.

Hawaii, not members of Oceania also, have already declined an invitation to compete.

Australia will benefit from a week spent in the Australian Institute of Sport in Canberra before leaving for Christchurch.

But with high class performers New Zealand and Chinese-Taipei in the field, an Oceania Cup win would be nothing less than a remarkable achievement.



Chinese Mulan's Chou Tai-ying donning the No 15 T-shirt and Chinese Liangyu fullback Hang Paorun (back facing the camera) battle for ball possession in this bit of action at the Taipei Municipal Stadium which ended in a 1-1 tie.

NORTHERN NSW WOMEN'S ASF NOTICE OF AGM

The Annual General Meeting of the Northern WASF will be held at Federation House.
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LACOMBE HAS THE NEEDLE!

BERNARD LACOMBE, who played a big part in France's success in the European Championship, has made a great recovery from injury which threatened his career.

Lacombe was bedevilled by constant knee problems and many people believed he would never kick another ball.

But after trying all sorts of orthodox treatment, the French international underwent a course of acupuncture and it seems to have worked.

At 33, the Bordeaux forward says he is looking forward to a big season with plenty of goals for his club.

PARANA TAKE TITLE

CORITIBA OF PARANA are the Brazilian champions ... for the first time in their history.

They won the championship when they beat Rio's Bangu, but had to rely on a 6-5 penalty kick shoot-out to grab the title in Rio.

The match was 1-1 after extra time but Bangu had most of the scoring chances without cashing in.

Both teams will represent Brazil in the South American club championship—the Copa Libertadores.

Bernard Lacombe, France's veteran forward. Lacombe defied many people who claimed he would never play again.

PLATINI CHASES

FRENCH RECORD

MICHEL PLATINI looks certain to set a new record of international appearances for France.

Platini, captain of the French team and a star with Juventus in Italy, has played 60 times for his country.

He should soon overhaul Roger March's 63 caps and, in the near future, also beat the 65 appearance record shared by Maxime Bossis and Marius Tresor.

Right now, the talented Platini is more concerned about guiding France to the World Cup in Mexico.

The European champions were probably helped by the recent 2-1 win by East Germany over Yugoslavia in Belgrade.



MICHEL PLATINI

CZECH THUGS

WE usually expect soccer spectators in Iron Curtain countries to be well behaved — certainly more so than some of the thugs who cause so much trouble in "decadent" Western countries!

Now, though, it seems there is big crowd trouble in Czechoslovakia of all places.

The Czechoslovakian football administrators are alarmed about recent cases of hooliganism and will take tough measures to remedy the problem.

At one match at Olo-mouc, fans of the visiting AC Sparta chartered a train and when they arrived at their destination,

most were dreadfully drunk. They wrecked the train and terrorised the public.

Now the Czech Football Association has banned all clubs from organising travel to away games and has refused to permit alcohol sales on grounds.

Police presence will be stepped up and any spectators arrested at matches will face 14 days in jail without a trial.

BRIEGEL VOTE UPSET FANS

WEST GERMANY's players and fans are very upset about the choice of Hans-Peter Briegel as "player of the year."

Briegel won the award on the votes of the country's football writers.

There is no doubt concerning his ability but the trouble concerns the fact that Briegel does not play in the Bundesliga. He is earning much more money in Italy with first division champions, Verona.

Players who stay loyal to their own domestic competition want to know how a "foreigner" can win this prestige German award.

The man who was expected to be declared "player of the year" is Rudi Voller of Werder Bremen.

But Voller finished runner-up to Briegel.

LERBY READY FOR ITALY

BAYERN MUNICH face a battle to retain the services of their Danish star, Soren Lerby.

The Dane has refused to sign a new contract. His present contract has nine months to run and the German club fear he'll fly south to Italy as soon as he gets his freedom.



Hans-Peter Briegel, German 'Player of the Year'.

'NAPOLEON' NUNEZ ROCKS THE BOAT

BARCELONA couldn't do too much for coach Terry Venables a few months ago when the Londoner gave them their first Spanish first division title in many years.

They tried to sign him up until 1990 but Venables preferred to accept a two-year contract and as the uncrowned "King of Catalonia," he got his own way.

Now Venables is suffering the same sort of problem which afflicts most English team bosses ... interference from his directors.

In particular, Barcelona president Josep Luis Nunez is demanding that he negotiates all transfer deals without any help from Venables.

Nunez, nicknamed "Napoleon," refused to sanction the transfer of Simon Stainrod from Sheffield Wednesday although Venables set up the deal.

This particular Napoleon is also in dispute with West German star Berndt Schuster over Schuster's bonuses.

The Barcelona president and the German international have said some most uncomplimentary things about each other, causing a rift which could mean Schuster will leave the club.

Indeed, it has already been reported that Schuster will be transferred to Italy's Fiorentina immediately after the World Cup in Mexico.

Barcelona have made an unexpected poor start to the new season ... which isn't surprising with this boardroom bickering.

GERMANS CLINCH TV DEAL

WEST GERMANY will provide top TV coverage of matches in next year's World Cup in Mexico.

Channels ZDF and ARD will televise 32 matches live.

They will also put on repeats between 6 a.m. and 9 a.m. the next day ... for the benefit of night shift workers.

GOING DOWN!

FC PADOVA have been relegated from Italy's second division for allegedly bribing players of Taranto in a vital relegation match last season.

INJURED IN HIS DEBUT

BELGIUM's Fran-coise Van der Elst, who played for West Ham United in the midfield, had the worst possible start to the new season in his native country.

Playing for Lokeren against Molenbeek, this talented player broke his leg in his first game.

ERIC AT PSV

ERIC GERETS, the Belgian international, is now with Netherlands club PSV Eindhoven.

Gerets is banned from playing in Belgium after being implicated in the Standard Liege bribery scandal.

MCDONALD MAKES BIG MOVE

WHEN PSV Eindhoven did not think Cyrille Regis came up to expectations in trials, the Dutch club went for another Englishman to strengthen their side.

New PSV coach Hans Kraay got in touch with FC Groningen to ask about Rob McDonald, formerly with Hull City.

McDonald, 25, was transferred to PSV — a fitting reward for his excellent goalscoring record during his two seasons with Groningen.

He is determined to make the grade after trying his luck with several other Dutch clubs.

So Cyrille Regis's disappointment indirectly led to McDonald's elation.



Bernd Schuster, up to his usual mischief, this time over match payments.

UK Scene

UNITED FANS ARE BEST

THE FOOTBALL LEAGUE is keeping a close check on crowd behaviour at all matches this season and hopes the information will speed the return to European competition of English clubs.

League secretary Graham Kelly says every club is cooperating with details of match attendances, arrests, ejections and so forth.

"Twice a year, we will publish these statistics," said Kelly, "and all 92 clubs will be listed. The figures will be given to the Prime Minister and the Sports Minister."

So far, Manchester United are top of the good behaviour table. Their first four home matches attracted 203,438 spectators, but there was not one arrest and only eight people have been expelled from Old Trafford.

Liverpool's fans are doing almost as well.

This indicates that clubs which attract very big crowds have fewer problems with unruly fans.



The Manchester crowd during a match against Newcastle.

ENGLAND'S SUPER PLAN

ENGLAND is gearing up for the launch of a new Super League set-up which would cut by more than half the present 92-club Football League structure.

With smaller clubs losing money consistently, the big shots believe the time is right for radical reform.

Pushing the Super League scheme are Manchester United, Everton, Liverpool, Arsenal and Tottenham Hotspur. They have strong support from Nottingham Forest, Chelsea, Aston Villa, Sheffield Wednesday, Sunderland, West Ham, Newcastle United and Southampton.

Even some middle-of-the-table clubs in second division are ready to lend their support.

If this revolutionary plan goes through, it would mean virtually the

axing of the third and fourth divisions.

The top clubs reason that if there were no third and fourth divisions, the cash flowing into soccer would be split among 44 clubs... not the present 92.

This would put many professional players on the dole, which is why Gordon Taylor, secretary of the Professional Footballers Association (PFA), is monitoring the situation.

Taylor admits: "The Super League is more than a rumour. A lot of big clubs are pushing strongly for it. In fact, some clubs want to go even further — with a European Super League."

NO LUCK FRANCIS

NOTHING is more depressing for a footballer than to work hard to recover from serious injury only to be struck by injury again.

It happened to Brentford striker Francis Joseph.

He broke a leg a year ago, sweated to recover in time for the new season and, in his second comeback appearance, limped off and finished up in hospital.

Team boss Frank McLintock, who says he "feels the worst" from this latest injury was as unhappy as the player.

NEW COMPS GET BRUSH-OFF

ENGLISH clubs have found it is not so simple to kid the public by staging two more competitions which they hoped would be crowd-pullers.

In the so-called "Super Cup" they were only 16,000 paying customers at Anfield where Liverpool beat Southampton.

In the "Full Members Cup," there were just 3,000 fans at Fratton Park when Portsmouth beat Charlton Athletic — and that is one-fifth of Pompey's normal home crowd.

The English fixture list was already over-



BOBBY ROBSON'S YEAR

Date	Venue Opponents	Result Comp	Scorers
12.05.84	H v Germany	W1-0 F1	Robson
17.05.84	H Finland	W5-0 WC	Hesley, T. Robson, Woodcock, Sosnowski, Robson, J. Woodcock, J. Barnes, T. Anderson, Hesley, T. Steven, Lineker
14.11.84	A Turkey	W8-0 WC	
27.02.85	A v Ireland	W1-0 WC	Hesley
26.03.85	A Ray Ireland	W1-1 WC	Dixon, Z. Robson, Lineker, Z. Dixon, Z. Steven
01.05.85	A Romania	D0-0 WC	Hesley
22.05.85	A Finland	W1-1 WC	
25.05.85	A Scotland	W1-1 F	Hesley
08.06.85	A Italy	W1-2 F	
09.06.85	A Mexico	W1-1 F	
12.06.85	A W Germany	W3-0 WC	
12.06.85	A U.S.A.	W5-0 WC	
F = Friendly			
WC = World Cup			

Robson has launched another stinging attack on the Football League for not protecting his international stars from League matches on the Saturday before the Romania game.

Robson has hoped that Bryan Robson and his men could avoid the risk of injury by a postponement of the League programme five days before the Group Three match.

The England boss says angrily: "Here we are with a match vital to England's future and there is a full League programme with the obvious risk that I could lose players from the England squad."

I thought the European ban on our clubs might result in less football for our overworked stars. Not a bit of it — the big clubs are trying to run their own Cup competition to compensate for the loss of the European games."

Bobby Robson is adamant he is staying, above is some interesting data on his progress.

MEXICAN TRIP FOR ROBSON

BOBBY ROBSON, England's team manager, is heading for Mexico soon — earthquakes permitting, of course.



Pietro Vierchowod and Trevor Francis in action during the Italy — England match in Mexico.

Robson will travel alone and will conduct a thorough survey of arrangements for next year's World Cup teams.

He is particularly keen to assess hotel accommodation and training facilities and hopes the Cup organi-

ers will tell England which group they will play in.

It has been reported that Monterrey will be England's base.

At the last World Cup in Spain, the English squad was in Bilbao for

the qualifying matches and, amazingly, it is now suggested that the hotel there was far from suitable.

England has still not qualified for next year's World Cup but Robson says he will head for Mexico as soon as the formalities are completed.



Not even the great Kenny Dalglish can bring in the fans.